



**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
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**MINUTES**  
*of the*  
**GOVERNING BOARD**  
*of the*  
**MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**August 3, 2011**

**I. Call to Order.**

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Vice Chairperson Jerome C. Daniel, at 2:00 p.m. on August 3, 2011, at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California.

**II. Roll Call.**

The roll was called and the following members were present: Jim Hasenauer; Ed Hayduk; Jerome C. Daniel, Vice Chairperson. A quorum was present. The following member was absent: George Lange, Chairperson.

Staff Present: Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Jamie Cabral, Chief Deputy of Interpretation; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning, and James Yeramian, Staff Services Manager.

**III. Public Testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.**

The following member of the public addressed the Authority:

Ms. Judy Kass Dowden, representing Friends of La Rocha Trail, on item VII.

**IV. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of February 2, 2011, June 1, 2011, and July 6, 2011 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of February 2, 2011, June 1, 2011, and July 6, 2011 were approved as submitted.

**V. Reports from Staff:**

- (a) Legal;**
- (b) Ranger Services;**
- (c) Natural Resources and Planning;**
- (d) Interpretation;**
- (e) Developed Resources;**
- (f) Construction;**
- (g) Facilities and Maintenance;**
- (f) Finance.**

The Authority received oral reports from the following members of staff: Staff Counsel; Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning; Chief Ranger; Chief Deputy of Interpretation; Chief of Construction; Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and Sheryl Lewanda, representing the Conejo Recreation & Park District.

Item VI was heard next.

**VII. Discussion, update, and possible action on acquisition of La Rocha properties, APNs 5576-009-055, 056, 057, 058, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063, and 064, Hollywood Dell, Los Angeles.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hayduk and Hasenauer.

Comment were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning, and Ms. Judy Kass Dowden, representing Friends of La Rocha Trail.

**VI. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution adopting the MRCA Warrant Disbursements for the period of June 29, 2011 to July 26, 2011.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with Trust for Public Land accepting responsibility for on-going operations and maintenance at Aliso Confluence Park, City of Los Angeles.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 11-98 and 11-99 were unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution confirming staff application for, and authorizing acceptance of, a grant of mitigation funds (West Sylmar Overhead on Interstate Route 5/14 Corps No. SPL-2006-852-PHT) from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for a riparian habitat restoration and creation project on Authority property in the Los Angeles River watershed.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-101 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of Elephant Hill Open Space (APNs 5306-006-906, 907, 908, 909, 910; 5306-017-905, 906, 907, 908, 909; 5307-023-901, 906, 907, 916, 917, 918; 5306-006-912, 5306-007-900), El Sereno, City of Los Angeles.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-102 was unanimously adopted.

**X. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to submit an application to the City of Malibu for amendment to the Malibu Local Coastal Program pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 30515.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hasenauer and Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-103 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of transfer of Geffen vertical access way located at 22126 Pacific Coast Highway , City of Malibu from Access for All.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, Chief Ranger, and Mr. Hasenauer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-104 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of assignment of State Coastal Conservancy grant funds for operation of Geffen vertical access way.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-105 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of donation of APNs 4383-029-001 and 002 totaling 8.87 acres in Beverly Glen and Benedict Canyons, City of Los Angeles.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hasenauer, duly seconded, Resolution No. 11-106 was unanimously adopted.

**XIV. Closed Session.**

**The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9 Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions.**

**Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: thirteen (13). (1) *Santa Monica Mountains and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. City of Malibu, and related litigation*; (2) *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS121650*; (3) *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS12922*; (4) *Friends of Temescal Pool v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC405252*; (5) *Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC431798*; (6) *Estwick v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BC434783*; (7) *Reuben v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; (8) *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS127089*; (9) *Ramirez Canyon***

***Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Case No. BS121820; (10) Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Case No. BS129503; (11) Morris v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; (12) Grant v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and (13) Kaufman v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation (two cases).***

**Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Danny Everett.**

**Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95: conference with legal counsel regarding claim made pursuant to the Government Tort Claims Act. Claimant: Galen Mogtaderi.**

**Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(a), consultation with MRCA Chief Ranger regarding camp security and potential threats to public facilities operated by MRCA.**

The Acting Chairperson convened the closed session at 3:19 p.m. to receive an oral report from the Chief Ranger.

The Acting Chairperson reconvened the open session at 3:27 p.m. and announced that the Authority received an oral report from the Chief Ranger in closed session.

## **XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Acting Chairperson announced the next meeting would be held on a date to be determined at a later time.

Their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon, ASLA  
Executive Officer

Jerome C. Daniel  
Acting Chairperson